

MCH Partnerships, Collaboration, and Coordination

As highlighted throughout its Needs Assessment (NA) and noted specifically in NA Summary *Section II.B.2.c*, NY's Title V Program has extensive partnerships to meet the needs of NY's MCH population, including coordination and collaboration with other public health programs, state and local agencies, private sector partners, families and consumers. Key partnerships, collaboration and coordination are summarized below. Note that due to the extensive nature of NYS Title V partnerships, this summary highlights selected partners and collaborations most relevant to MCH needs, priorities and strategies outlined in this application.

Partner	Selected Partnership Highlights
State Advisory Councils	
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (MCHSBG) Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff convene and provide staff support to Council Through regular virtual and in-person meetings, Council members provide input and feedback on full range of Title V priorities and activities. Special series of meetings 2014-15 to provide input on Title V Needs Assessment and Action Plan development for 2016 application.
Early Intervention Coordinating Council (EICC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V/Early Intervention staff convene and provide staff support to Council Extensive input on EI policy and program activities including State Systemic Improvement Plan to improve family outcomes Co-convened, with ECAC, Joint Task Force on Social Emotional Development of Young Children
Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff represented on Council, Steering Committee and work groups Development and implementation of health-related quality standards for QualityStarsNY (NY's tiered quality rating and improvement system for early learning programs) Co-convening, with EICC, of Joint Task Force on Social Emotional Development of Young Children
NYS Office of Victims Services Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff represented on Council; provides expertise regarding prevention of sexual violence.
Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff represented on Council; provides expertise regarding prevention of sexual violence and intimate partner violence.
Other HRSA MCHB Investments	
State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly managed by Title V program within DFH SSDI staff support development of measures, review and analysis of data to support MCH planning and projects
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly managed by Title V program within DFH, Bureau of Women, Infant & Adolescent Health

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong focus on systems-building integrates MIECHV with other Title V and MCH resources
Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original NYS ECCS grant co-led by Title V and Council on Children and Families (CCF); subsequently transferred to CCF, with continued Title V engagement to support current grant focus on implementing child care quality standards and supporting child care health consultants
MCH Training Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful joint application to establish new MCH Catalyst Program at SUNY Albany School of Public Health; Title V Director will co-direct Catalyst Program.
Autism Research Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed a multi-year research project funded by the federal MCHB R-40 research program to evaluate the impact of participation in the State's EIP on toddlers with ASD and their families. Identified ASD-specific outcomes expected to be achieved through EIP services. Results were used to modify a family survey, including an Impact on Child scale and Impact on Family scale, to include outcomes expected for ASD toddlers and their families.
Abstinence Education Grant Program - HRSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly managed by Title V program within DFH. Coordinates with pregnancy prevention efforts by targeting pre-adolescents in NYS' highest need communities by providing mentoring and adult supervised opportunities.
Other Federal Investments	
Family Planning (Title X) – Office of Population Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly managed by Title V program within DFH. Conducted a structured performance management project that has resulted in increased access to and use of effective contraceptive methods, including LARC, by women served in Title X family planning clinics.
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C - OSEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part C grant and EI is directly managed by Title V program within DFH. DOH is the NYS designated lead agency to administer the EIP, a statewide service delivery system for infants and toddlers (ages birth to three) with disabilities and their families
Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) – HHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly managed by Title V program within DFH. Supports programming for priority populations served in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Collaborates with CAPP programs to enhance pregnancy prevention efforts in the highest need communities.
Rape Prevention Education - CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly managed by Title V program within DFH. Development of a multi-faceted plan to evaluate regional and statewide activities to reduce sexual violence
Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC) - USDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed by DOH Division of Nutrition. Title V programs (e.g., home visiting) link eligible MCH populations to WIC resources Exploring collaborations to promote oral health through WIC Program

Child Care Development Block Grant - ACF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managed by NYS Office of Children and Family Services. • Development of child care health and safety standards, including medication administration, as well as quality indicators for QualityStars NY • Plan to collaborate on development of subset of quality indicators for regulated child care settings in upcoming year
Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teens- OAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly managed by Title V program within DFH. Enhances services of Title V programming by engaging pregnant and parenting teens and young adults in educational and vocational opportunities.
Other HRSA Programs	
Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with OPCHSM, the Title V Program facilitates approval of site establishment/ expansion applications to build or renovate school-based health and dental clinics funded by HRSA grants • Title X engaged FQHC representatives in workgroup to support transition of SBHCs from Medicaid fee-for-service to managed care • Title X engaged FQHC representatives in a national program improvement project focused on pre/interconception health; FQHCs will pilot documenting women's pregnancy intentions and receipt of contraceptive services in several non-reproductive health care settings within their health systems.
Healthy Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with the HRSA Regional Healthy Start Project Officer, Title V program coordinates communication and collaboration between the Healthy Start and Title V Maternal, Infant & Child Health Collaboratives (MICHC) programs. • Ensure MICHC projects engage the 7 Healthy Start grantees serving common communities in outreach, intake and referral processes. • Share webinar trainings and educational materials developed by the Maternal and Infant Health Center of Excellence with Healthy Start grantees.
Association of University Partners on Disabilities (Yeshiva University/ Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Westchester Institute for Human Development and Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V participates in ongoing meetings with the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopment and Related Disabilities (LEND) fellows to share information regarding their post-graduate maternal and child health work performed as part of their fellowship training. Meetings also include representatives from the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC), Disability Rights New York, Division of Family Children's Services, and CSHCN and other key stakeholders.
State, Tribal and Local MCH Programs	

Local Health Departments/ New York State Association of County Health Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V developed Family Health components of updated statute, regulations and implementing guidance documents for State Aid to localities for core public health (Article VI) • Regular meetings with NYSACHO Steering and MCH committees and ad hoc work groups for input on CSHCN program planning, Health Home, Early Intervention and Title V needs and priorities • Collaborating to develop training and technical assistance for all LHDs to improve MCH outcomes on the local level.
Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Urban Indian Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V program administers a state program that provides access to primary medical care, dental care, eye care, pharmacy needs and preventive health services for approximately 25,000 Native Americans living within reservation communities. This includes nine recognized American Indian nations in NYS: Tonawanda, Tuscarora, Onondaga, Shinnecock, Unkechaug, Cayuga, St Regis Mohawk, Seneca and Oneida. • Title V staff serve as liaison with the Nations to ensure the interests of the nations are represented in decisions and information, such as ACA- related information, is conveyed to Nation leadership. • Title V staff participated in quarterly Tribal Consultation meetings with Office of Children and Family Services to share resources on child wellness, behavioral health, victim assistance programs, and educational resources for families. • Title V staff collaborated with CDC immunization liaison to encourage tribal participation in Vaccine for Children program and adult vaccine program.
Other NYS Department of Health Programs	
Chronic Disease Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V staff in collaboration with the Division of Chronic Disease Prevention jointly developed media campaign on tobacco use among women of reproductive age and during pregnancy • Title V staff in collaboration with the Division of Chronic Disease Prevention integrated new family planning/ preconception health module within state's BRFSS, including expanded BRFSS for county-level data • Support hospital- and community-based strategies to promote breastfeeding in alignment with evidence-based obesity prevention programming • Promoted evidenced-based models and methods to implement and sustain a population-based, system change response to reduce asthma-related hospitalizations. • Will explore options to promote preconception and interconception health for the MCH population.
Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V staff facilitated collaboration between nutrition programs and state's ECAC to expand enrollment in

	<p>CACFP and incorporate nutrition standards and implementation supports within child care quality standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted participation in CACFP with Title V afterschool programs serving high-need youth and helped link to new Community Schools initiative • Title V staff are exploring collaborations to promote oral health through statewide nutrition programs including WIC and HPNAP • Title V staff are working with WIC to promote reciprocal referrals with home visiting programs.
Injury Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V staff are collaborating with the Bureau of Occupational Health and Injury Prevention on evaluating the impact of DOH sexual violence prevention interventions • Title V staff are working with Injury Prevention to promote Safe Sleep through Infant Mortality COIIN.
Immunization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V staff are working with Immunization program on providing training and educational tools for home visitors to support education to clients on importance and scheduling of required immunizations, and training of home visitors on the importance they themselves be up to date on immunizations. • Title V staff incorporated technical guidance on current immunization recommendations in clinical quality measures for SBHC program. • Title V staff are working with Immunization program to promote recommended immunizations (e.g. influenza and TDAP) for pregnant women.
HIV/AIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V staff are collaborating with the DOH AIDS Institute and the State Education Department to promote the delivery of evidence-based HIV/STI prevention education.
Environmental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V staff are collaborating with DOH Center for Environmental Health to support maintenance and expansion of community water fluoridation, including joint development of new initiative. • Ongoing collaboration to promote healthy living environments.

Medicaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V staff are working with DOH Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP) to integrate perinatal health strategies and measures within DSRIP. • Title V staff are implementing Medicaid-funded demonstration project to use health information technology to improve screening and coordinated follow-up for high risk pregnant women • Title V staff worked with DOH OHIP to convert Family Planning Benefit Program from 1115 waiver to state plan service pursuant to ACA, and expanded to include presumptive eligibility • Title V staff are extensively engaged in development and implementation of new Health Home benefit for CSHCN, including services for children enrolled in EI services • Title V staff and OHIP are jointly leading stakeholder workgroup to facilitate transition of MA coverage for SBHC services from fee-for-service to managed care. • Title V staff provide expertise in the development of Medicaid payment policies such as deliveries prior to 39 weeks without medical indication including C-sections, oral health and other areas impacting the MCH population.
NY State of Health (Health Insurance Exchange)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V staff assisted with outreach to MCH programs to solicit patient navigators • Title V staff in collaboration with OHIP, facilitated training and the provision of information on NY's health benefit package and coverage to MCH programs and initiatives. Continue to monitor questions and issues that arise.
Quality & Patient Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V staff provided input into the development of standards for Medicaid Prenatal Care clinics. • Title V staff provide input to, and serve on workgroups for the development and implementation of the SHIP and the development of models of Advanced Primary Care (APC). • Title V staff are collaborating on a CMS project with OHIP through NYSPQC as collaboration of regional perinatal centers to improve perinatal outcomes. • Title V staff have a strong partnership with the Office of Quality and Patient Safety to obtain vital statistics data for identification of priorities, program planning and evaluation as well as quality improvement initiatives.
Primary Care and Health Systems Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with Title V staff, provides certificate of need (CON) approval to SBHC and SBHC-Dental clinics. Also provides CON approval to family planning clinics and consults with Title V staff for programmatic input. • In collaboration with Title V staff, developed standards and criteria for oversees the system of perinatal regionalization • Title V staff in conjunction with the Office of Victim Services developed communication disseminated to all

	NYS hospitals reminding them of the requirements concerning the reimbursement of forensic rape exams.
Minority Health & Health Disparities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff are collaborating with DOH Office of Minority Health to develop plan to work with Tribal Nations to develop protocol to ensure that diagnostic services related to cancer screening that take place off reservation with a medical partner of the Cancer Services program, are charged to NYS CSP, to maximize utilization of AIHP funds for outpatient and pharmacy needs.
Public Health Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff collaborate with the Office of Public Health Practice to provide guidance and training for LHDs to strengthen their efforts with the MCH population. Title V staff are engaging with PHHPC public health committee on systems strategies to reduce maternal mortality
Office of Health Insurance Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff are involved in ongoing collaboration to promote access to the Medicaid Family Planning Benefit Program Title V staff work with OHIP to access vital statistics for evidence-based, data driven evaluation of activities.
Other State Agencies	
Office of Mental Health (OMH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff are collaborating with OMH to increase awareness of maternal depression, including providing information to providers and pregnant and postpartum women. Title V staff are developing collaborative strategies with OMH to support young children's social and emotional development and provide supports for parents.
Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff are collaborating with OASAS to increase awareness of FASD amongst providers and preconception and prenatal women. Title V staff are collaborating with OASAS to develop strategies to identify pregnant women with opioid use and ensure they are engaged in prenatal care, substance use treatment and other needed services. Title V staff serve on the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) workgroup that includes state agencies as well as providers and other stakeholders to develop strategies to address FASD. Developed public awareness messages on the importance of abstaining from alcohol while pregnant. Provided information to the American Indian Health Nations on FASD.
Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff are collaborating with OCFS to provide training and technical assistance to home visiting programs including improving outreach and retention strategies and delivery of information and supports impacting maternal and infant health and early childhood development.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff provided input on the Navigating Multiple Systems site to ensure the issues and interests of the MCH population, including CSHCN are represented.
Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff collaborate with OTDA to provide funding and support to Nurse Family Partnership programs including promoting shared goals of family self-sufficiency.
Office of Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff are involved in ongoing collaboration to address the domestic violence-related training needs of staff working in community maternal & child health, home visiting and family planning programs Title V staff are collaborating with OPDV on development of training for home visitors on engagement and retention on high-risk clients including those who experience domestic violence. Title V staff collaborate with OPDV to develop and distribute materials to providers, to increase awareness of domestic violence, supports, resources and tools.
Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff partner with OPWDD on various issues related to individuals with disabilities.
Office of Victim Services (OVS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff are involved in ongoing collaboration to address needs of programs funded to serve victims of sexual violence and respond to issues that impact victims of sexual violence
State Education Department (SED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff provide technical assistance to Community schools to promote collaboration to maximize resources available to children and adolescents in those schools.
Council on Children and Families (CCF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff work with CCF on the ECAC, ECCS grant and other early childhood initiatives.
Academic Partners and Professional Membership Organizations	
SUNY Albany School of Public Health (SPH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V supports MCH student internships focusing on providing these students with public health experience at DOH on MCH initiatives. Title V staff collaborated with the SPH on a series of webinars to improve knowledge and practices including topics such as breastfeeding and screening for Critical Congenital Heart Defects (CCHD). Title V staff collaborated with the SPH on the development of a successful MCH catalyst grant.
Professional Medical Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff collaborate with ACOG to develop and promote best practices to improve perinatal outcomes. Title V staff coordinate NY's Maternal Mortality Review Committee that includes representatives from NY Academy of Medicine, ACOG, NYS Society of Pathologists, NYS Nurses Association, NYS Association

	of County Health Officials, NYS Association of Licensed Midwives, NYS Academy of Family Physicians, National Association of Social Workers, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, NYS Association of County Coroners and Medical Examiners, NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Association of Regional and Perinatal Networks, NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, NY American College of Emergency Physicians, Medical Society of the State of New York, NYS Society of Anesthesiologists, NYS Dietetic Association, Greater New York Hospital Association, Healthcare Association of NYS, and Regional Perinatal Centers.
Cornell University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff collaborate with Cornell through the Center of Excellence to support implementation of evidence based programming and evaluation of adolescent pregnancy prevention/pregnant and parenting teen activities.
University of Rochester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff collaborate with the University of Rochester through the Center of Excellence on training, technical assistance and evaluation of community maternal and infant health initiatives.
Columbia University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff collaborate with Columbia University to develop training for health care providers on adolescent health topics to improve general and sexual health outcomes.
University of Albany Center for Human Services Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff collaborate with the University at Albany on data management for community maternal and infant health initiatives.
New York State Perinatal Quality Collaborative (NYSPQC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff lead NYSPQC, a collaboration of NYS birthing facilities to improve perinatal outcomes through the translation of evidence-based findings to clinical practice Successful collaborations with ~100 NYS birthing hospitals, HANYS, GNYHA, March of Dimes, ACOG and more
Family and Consumer Partners	
Parent to Parent of NYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided input, guidance and outreach for input on NY's Title V comprehensive needs assessment. Title V staff collaborate with PTP to ensure the "parent voice" and point of view is reflected. For example, provided input into the parent materials on CCHD screening.
Hands and Voices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization comprised of parents and providers dedicated to supporting families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing, regardless of communication modes or methodologies. Provides input into NY's Early Hearing Detection Initiative.
Other NYS organizations	
Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy (SCAA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title V staff participate on the SCAA State Home Visiting Workgroup which facilitates discussions on

	<p>the critical elements of a statewide home visiting system including outreach and engagement of high-risk families, promotion of a continuum of services, and quantifying need for services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V staff collaborate with SCAA to promote community water fluoridation.
New York-Mid-Atlantic Consortium for Genetics and Newborn Screening Services (NYMAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title V staff facilitated webinars on adolescent transition to adult services for genetic services providers, health care providers and CSHCN program.
Maternal Mortality Review Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convened by the Title V program with representation from over 20 professional organizations and associations. • Reviews aggregate data, discusses trends and emerging issues and provides recommendations regarding opportunities for improvement including preventive measures, strategies to improve care and medical management, and educational need to be addressed.
NYS CoIIN to Reduce Infant Mortality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide collaboration initiated by the Title V program targeting Safe Sleep and Pre/Interconception Care to reduce infant mortality. Includes staff from various state agencies such as the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS); the National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ); birthing facility staff; doctors; nurses; social workers; community organizations; the March of Dimes; and hospital associations such as the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) and the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA).

MCH Workforce Development and Capacity

The DFH leads NY's Title V efforts. Rachel de Long, M.D., M.P.H. serves as the Director of the DFH and the NYS Title V program in the DOH. Dr. de Long is on the faculty of the SUNY at Albany School of Public Health in the Department of Health Policy, Management, and Behavior. She earned a B.S. in Rural Sociology from Cornell University, M.D. from University of Wisconsin Medical School, and M.P.H. from SUNY Albany School of Public Health. She completed a medical internship in Family Practice at the Guthrie Clinic and residency in Preventive Medicine at SUNY Albany/NYSDOH, and is Board-Certified in Preventive Medicine and Public Health. Dr. de Long provides policy and program direction and administrative oversight for all the Division's bureaus in addition to several quality initiatives.

Wendy Shaw, M.S., B.S.N. serves as Associate Director of the DFH. Ms. Shaw has a Bachelor's degree in nursing from the State University of New York at Albany, and a Master of Science degree from Russell Sage College. She is also a graduate of the Leadership Program in Public Health from Harvard University. Ms. Shaw started her career as a public

health nurse working with high-risk maternal and child health families and later moved to obstetric nursing before moving to state service. Ms. Shaw has 35 years of labor and delivery experience and continues to work in that field outside of state service. Ms. Shaw's education and experience provides an excellent foundation for her role in support of NY's Title V program.

Marilyn Kacica, M.D., M.P.H., the medical director of the DFH, is a graduate of St. Louis University and received her M.D. from the St. Louis University Medical School. She completed pediatric residency training at the Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, subspecialty training in pediatric infectious disease at the Children's Hospital of Cincinnati, and her preventive medicine residency at DOH. Her M.P.H. was awarded from the State University of New York at Albany, School of Public Health, where she is currently a Clinical Associate Professor of Epidemiology. She is board-certified in Pediatrics and is a fellow of the AAP. She is providing leadership on a myriad of clinical, epidemiological, data utilization and quality improvement issues within the DFH including the NYSPQC. In addition, she is the program director for DOH's Child Health Integration Initiative which is focusing on the integration of child health information for both public health and provider benefit.

Christopher Kus, M.D., M.P.H., the Associate Medical Director for the DFH, is a graduate of Michigan State University and the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He received his M.P.H. from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A board-certified pediatrician and a fellow of the AAP, Dr. Kus is a Past President of the AMCHP and serves as co-chair of the AMCHP Legislative and Finance Committee.

Kristine Mesler, M.P.A., B.S.N., serves as the director of BWIAH. Ms. Mesler brings a wealth of experience in the field of maternal and child health to this position. Ms. Mesler graduated from the State University of New York at Albany with a Bachelor's degree in nursing, and a Master of Public Administration from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. Ms. Mesler's education and her experience as both a public health nurse and in obstetric nursing provides a solid background for her leadership role in the Bureau's efforts related to the MCH population.

Susan Slade, RN, MS, serves as the director of the BCH as well as NYS's CSHCN director, and is an experienced clinical and public health nurse and public health administrator. Ms. Slade received her Bachelor's degree in nursing, and a Master of Science degree from Russell Sage College. Ms. Slade has extensive public health experience in addition to over 24 years in emergency medicine and she continues to work as an emergency department nurse outside of state service. She has led NY's efforts to improve the health and wellness of NY's CSHCN. In addition to being a licensed Registered Nurse, Ms. Slade is also a Masters Certified Health Education Specialist.

Jayanth Kumar, DDS, MPH, the former Director of the BDH retired in May 2015. Kara Connelly is serving as Assistant Director of the Bureau of Dental Health. Prior to that, Ms. Connelly served as the school-based dental program manager. Before joining the

Bureau of Dental Health in 2006, Kara worked in the DOH's Office of Science and Public Health as a training specialist and health educator. Ms Connelly holds a bachelor's degree in Broadcasting and Communications from SUNY Oswego and a Master of Science degree in Health Administration from Sage Graduate School. Prior to joining the department in 2002, Kara served as an intern in Washington, DC for U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

Brenda Knudson Chouffi, MS. Ed. and Donna Noyes, PhD are Co-directors of the Bureau of Early Intervention. Ms. Knudson Chouffi received a Master's of Education/Educational Psychology from the State University of New York at Albany and holds permanent teacher certification in Special Education. Ms. Knudson Chouffi has worked in the BEI for the past 16 years. Prior to her work with the DOH, she provided special education services under the EIP, Committee of Preschool Special Education and Committee of Special Education.

Dr. Noyes has an MS and doctorate in developmental psychology from Stony Brook University. She joined the Department's Early Intervention Program in 1989 and prior to that time, worked as a research associate in the NYS Council on Children and Families. Dr. Noyes is the PI on three grants related to improving early identification and evaluating the impact of intervention services for young children with autism spectrum disorders and their families. She is Past President and Board Member of the national Infant Toddler Coordinators Association.

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